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The meeting was called to order at 12.10 p.m.

Agenda item 1: Election of the Bureau

1. **The President** said that the Asia-Pacific States had endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Munir (Pakistan) as Vice-President of the Council for its 2017 session.

2. *Mr. Munir (Pakistan) was elected Vice-President of the Council by acclamation.*

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

3. **The President**, informing the Council of the agreement reached by the Bureau with regard to its division of responsibilities for the 2017 session, said that he himself would conduct the high-level segment; the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council; the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals; and the forum on financing for development follow-up. Mr. Barros Melet (Chile), Vice-President, would conduct the operational activities for development segment; Mr. Munir (Pakistan), Vice-President, would conduct the integration segment; Mr. Thoms (Germany), Vice-President, would conduct the humanitarian affairs segment; and Ms. Chatardová (Czech Republic), Vice-President, would conduct the coordination and management meetings, including the elections to fill the Council's subsidiary bodies.

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4. **The President** said that, via a note verbale circulated as document E/2017/3, the Republic of Lithuania had expressed interest in becoming a member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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5. **Ms. Murmokaitė** (Lithuania) said that the largest numbers of refugees and displaced persons since the Second World War presented the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with an unprecedented challenge, making solidarity and close cooperation between countries essential. Lithuania was a State party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol. It had followed the work of the Executive Committee as an observer over the years, and had contributed financially to the activities and programmes of UNHCR, and would continue to do so. Lithuania was currently hosting refugees and had developed national legislation to ensure that their rights were protected, as well as participating in European Union resettlement programmes.

6. *Draft decision E/2017/L.4 was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.